

MANY WANT PENSIONS

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About 1,000 Bills to Correct Service Records Now Before the House Committee on Military Affairs.

THE BARS TO BE LET DOWN

Bill That Opens the Way for Traitors Reported Favorably.

Who Will Be Pension Agent for Indiana Not Yet Determined, but Spencer Likely to Be the Man.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The deserts and bounty-jumpers are making another raid on Congress. Chairman Quayle, of the House committee on military affairs, told your correspondent to-day that there were now before his committee about 1,000 bills "to correct the military record" of as many men who were supposed to have rendered some service for Uncle Sam during the late war. It seems that these fellows make renewed efforts to have had military records made good every time there is a Democratic administration. In plain language, these bills are intended to relieve the men named in them from charges of desertion.

"Are the committee acting on any of these bills now?" inquired your correspondent of Chairman Quayle.

"No," said the chairman of the committee on military affairs, "we are not acting on these bills now, with possibly a very few exceptions. You know we passed a bill a couple of years ago which extended the time within which the Secretary of War could correct military records and remove charges of desertion wherever it was proven that the soldier did not intend to desert, and the blench upon his record was not his own malicious fault. It looks as though every man who wanted to get a pension or a bounty extra pay, and was unable to prove to the Secretary of War that he was not in fact a deserter, comes to Congress for a bill of war service. Under the law, the Secretary of War acts on the evidence presented to him, like the Commissioner of Pensions acts on a pension claim. There is no sentiment about that officer. Every soldier who can prove to Congress that he was in the military service of the United States, or who was absent from his regiment at any time with no design of deserting, can easily have the charge of desertion removed from his military record by presenting simple proof to the Secretary of War. At least nine out of ten who come here for special acts of Congress, I should say ninety-seven out of a hundred, are really on political influence and sentiment for success."

"Has there been any special rush of these bills recently?"

"Yes, there has been a flood of them in this Congress, and I might add that never has this committee acted upon so few as in this Congress. The secret of the present flood of bills lies in the fact that many men found that they were barred out of the privileges of the dependent pension act of June, 1890, and so they want pension. We find occasionally merit in these bills. Once in a while it is the case that the soldier was not an intentional deserter, and yet, on account of the death or disability of comrades, he is unable to make good his pension claim. War Department. I suppose in all the cases here there may be a dozen of these meritorious cases. But some of them are provoking cases of desertion and bounty-jumping. I recall one case here where we found that a man had voluntarily enlisted in the army, and yet he thought he ought to be given a good military record, so that he could get a pension. The soldier, who rendered good service, condemns more than anybody else all efforts to clear willful deserters."

Pensions for Traitors.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The House committee on pensions to-day ordered a favorable report on the bill of Mr. Moore to repeal that section of the revised statutes which reads: "No money on account of pensions shall be paid to any person or to the widow, children or heirs of any deceased person, who in any manner voluntarily enlisted, aided or abetted the late rebellion, against the authority of the United States."

NOT YET SETTLED.

Mr. McNagly Has Recommended No One for Pension Agent.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—There was to have been held a conference to-day between Senators Voorhees and Turpie and Mr. McNagly and some other Democratic members of the Indiana delegation for the purpose of formally determining on a man for the State pension agency. Senator Voorhees could not attend to-day on account of a meeting of the finance committee, and so the conference was postponed until to-morrow. It is the understanding that Martin Van Buren is the man who is being pushed by the President, but up to this time there has been no formal appointment. Mr. McNagly stated to the Journal correspondent this afternoon that he supposed the position would go to the man who had been positively recommended by the President; that there were probably half a dozen names in the position in his district, and that it was his intention to present all of them to the conference and let them make a choice.

Patents Granted Indians.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Patents were granted to Indiana inventors to-day, as follows:

Sebastian Bettage, Mariah Hill, folding frame for ironing table; John W. Bliss and J. C. Erwin, Elkhart, machine for waxing or coating paper; Ernest W. Bradford, Indianapolis, fountain attachment for pens; Augustus P. Craig, Michigan City, vehicle axle; Thomas F. Harrington, Indianapolis, railway mileage ticket; James P. Kelso, Jackson, rider or current operated wheel; Charles M. Kiler, assignor of one-half to H. E. Emerson, Indianapolis, the John C. Morgan, A. T. Ball and H. M. Nagel, Bloomington or brush; Elijah Neff, Mifflin, pump for water systems; James H. Neff, Indianapolis, table leg fastener; Benjamin W. Smith, Rockport, railway car-brake; John F. Sollenberger, assignor of one-half to A. A. Charles, Kokomo, apparatus for plugging and topping tomatoes, etc., in cans; Theodore Vandergift, Shelbyville, the John C. Morgan and shifter; Jacob J. Welcher, assignor of one-half to G. Haller, Fort Wayne, mill box; Clarence L. Wheeler, Marion, rail joint; Luke Woodard, Muncie, sash fastener.

Holman Still the "Objector."

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Representative William S. Holman is up in arms against Secretary Herbert's request for an appropriation with which to build at least one battleship. Uncle William says it is a waste of money to build a navy when there is nothing for it to do; that a lot of war ships is an incentive to aggressiveness on the sea, and that so long as we have a

small navy there is no danger of our "picking a fight with some foreign country." He thinks that should there be any use for a navy we could build one good enough in four or five months; that we could arm our wooden ships with high power guns and do well enough at fighting. The old gentleman believes that Brazil is presenting an object lesson to us in this respect, from which we should derive benefit. He is also opposed to a large army, as being a menace to peace and a temptation for us to get into trouble. He would reduce the strength of both the army and the navy.

A Blow at the Exclusion Act.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The Secretary of the Treasury recently requested of the Attorney-general an opinion as to whether or not, under the act of July 5, 1884, consular officers of China, stationed in foreign countries, can properly certify to the statements which, under the law cited, the certificates are required to set forth. In reply the Attorney-general holds that the identification of the Chinese person should be made by certificate issued by the government of which he may be a subject. The government can act, he holds, in assurance of such certificates only through and by its officers and agents. This opinion, with a previous one of the Attorney-general, that "China is not a country to which the Chinese can pass in transit through the United States, will hinder the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion act.

To Inspect Emigrants.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Representative W. A. Stone, of Pennsylvania, to-day introduced a bill providing for inspection of emigrants by United States consuls. The bill provides that no alien shall be admitted within the United States unless he shall exhibit to the United States inspectors a certificate signed by the United States consul at the place nearest where such emigrant last resided, setting forth that the consul has made an investigation concerning the emigrant, and that he does not belong to the class of alien emigrants excluded from admission to the United States under the provisions of the law approved March 3, 1881, relative to the restriction of aliens under contract to perform labor.

Gray May Be Appointed Justice.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Senators are inclined to believe that Senator George Gray, of Delaware, will be appointed to the Supreme Court since the rejection of Hornblower, in spite of the fact that Gray lives in the circuit represented by Associate Justice Shiras, of Pennsylvania. Gray is a lawyer and would be confirmed promptly without opposition. Postmaster-general Bliss is mentioned as a possible nominee, but neither he nor another New Yorker, whom the President would be willing to appoint, would be confirmed. Senator Gray believes a Vermont or Connecticut man will get the position.

General Notes.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Mrs. A. N. Martin, of Indiana, received, to-day, at her residence, No. 513 Florida avenue, north-west, a letter from the President.

Mrs. John G. Shanklin, of Evansville, received with Mrs. Associate Justice Harlan to-day. Their reception was large and fashionable.

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Chase Dunn, New York law school; Austin Abbott, dean law school, University of New York; Abner C. Thomas, dean Metropolitan law school, Leroy Park, vice dean Buffalo law school. A great many spectators, including many ladies, were present on the floor and in the galleries.

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\$50,000 DIAMONDS

Richer Haul Than Was Supposed by the New Albany Thief.

No Less Than Eight New York Jewels, Including the Great Tiffany Concern, Were Victimized.

MEET AFTER THIRTY YEARS

Happy Reunion in Terre Haute This Week of Father and Son.

Lively Time Expected in Delphi at the Postoffice Election—Indiana Bottle Trust Not Prospering.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Jan. 16.—The diamond robbery which was perpetrated here on several Eastern jewelry firms, mention of which was made yesterday, proves to have been much more extensive than was supposed, and it is now thought the alleged Mr. Barth, who secured the jewels, carried away not less than \$100,000 worth of property, which can be sold anywhere. The police authorities have not been able as yet to find the slightest clue to the identity of the thieves, though they have done everything that could be done to recover the property. It was at first thought that only Ball & Co., of New York, had suffered a loss, but when the police learned that not one, but several, packages had been delivered to the strange Mr. Barth by the express companies, they were satisfied he and his Eastern confederate had worked their game on several jewelry houses.

This morning it was learned that Tiffany & Co., of New York, who are the most famous jewelry dealers in the country, had lost \$1,800 worth of diamonds in exactly the same manner as Ball & Co. had lost theirs. They had consigned the diamonds to the Adams Express Company addressed to A. Barth, New Albany, and the package was delivered to the sharper. The other packages were delivered to the Adams Express Company, three by the American and two by the United States Express Company.

The alleged Mr. Barth remained in New Albany until ten days later, when the authorities were notified of the robbery by Ball & Co. and the Adams Express Company. He then fled to Terre Haute, where he was arrested, and taken to the city, where he is now being held.

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says he has the appointment within his grasp, and he will not desert himself by standing as a candidate. On the other hand, Col. Adelbert B. Crumpton and Hon. Jacob D. Lighty, who recently resigned from Washington, state that the Postmaster-general told them that where an election was held the department invariably appointed the person receiving the most votes. The election will be under the Australian ballot.

Republican Conventions.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KNOX, Ind., Jan. 16.—There was a big meeting of Republicans of Stark county here, last Saturday, and the county central committee was organized as follows: Hon. A. H. Henderson chairman and treasurer, C. M. Townsend vice chairman, and Frank Geisler secretary.

AUBURN, Ind., Jan. 16.—Republicans of DeKalb county met here last Saturday and perfected the organization by unanimously electing the following officers: Chairman, Hon. Jacob D. Lighty; vice chairman, Capt. George A. Bishop; secretary, Capt. George W. Gordon; treasurer, Ulysses S. Raut.

PAOLI, Ind., Jan. 16.—The Republicans of Orange county organized the new county central committee last Saturday by the election of John T. Stout, chairman; Alfred W. Bruner, secretary and treasurer; Riley, secretary.

ROCKPORT, Ind., Jan. 16.—The Republicans of Spencer county met in mass convention, last Saturday, and elected C. B. Laird chairman and John Cheung secretary.

Over Now Asks \$100,000.

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MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 16.—This afternoon C. H. Over filed a suit in the Delaware Circuit Court for \$100,000 damages from the Lake Erie & Western Railroad Company. Some time ago Mr. Over filed a suit for \$75,000 from the same company, but owing to an error the railroad company was permitted to take the case to the United States Supreme Court, where the case is still pending. One of them will now be dismissed, very likely the one at Indianapolis. The suits are the result of the burning of the Over window glass works a year ago. It is claimed that a spark from a locomotive engine set fire to the factory. Mr. Over received about \$50,000 insurance, and the railroad companies involved are assisting the prosecution.

Arranging Fairs for 1894.

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CRAWFORDSVILLE, Jan. 16.—The Western Indiana Fair Circuit has held a meeting here to-day and arranged for complete arrangements for the next season. It was found that the fairs at Lafayette and Crawfordsville were set for the same week. Another meeting will be held on Feb. 10, and in the meantime an effort will be made to have the fairs so arranged that the fairs at Ellettsville, New Ross, Lebanon, Sherman, Frankfort, Lafayette, Crawfordsville and Covington will be held different weeks. Ellettsville and Boone may also be in the circuit. Joseph Heverlin, of Frankfort, is president of the circuit, and W. W. Morgan, of this city, is secretary.

Diamond Plate Works Closed.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 16.—As the result of a strike in the polishing department the entire plant of the Diamond plate-glass factory in this city was closed down this morning, throwing four hundred hands out of work. After a closedown of six months the works resumed half-handed at reduced wages in November, but it is not expected that an effort will be made to put the factory on a full basis until next May. The company's Ellettsville plant is also closed. Four years ago the Indiana plate-glass works employed 1,400 men, paying out \$5,000 per month in wages. The Owsen plant works closed down last week for the winter.

Bottle Trust Gets a Jolt.

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MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 16.—An effort was made in this city to-day by the bottle manufacturers to organize and maintain a certain price for their goods, but the scheme failed. Peru, Anderson, Middletown, Dunkirk, Parker and Muncie were all represented, but no agreement could be reached and the meeting adjourned without accomplishing its purpose. It is said that some of the free fuel manufacturers in the gas business are planning to join the trust, the industry is being ruined, and the desire was for all to be governed alike as to the price of the goods.

Robbers Ransacked the House.

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VINCENNES, Ind., Jan. 16.—Last night masked men went to the home of August Imhoff, a wealthy Swiss farmer, three miles east of the city, and, covering the family with revolvers, demanded money. Mr. Imhoff said that he had none, but two of the robbers stood over the family with drawn revolvers, while the other two searched the house. They secured some jewelry and but little money. They overheard the father, which the father placed in a drawer. Mr. Imhoff brought his money to the city this morning and placed it in a bank.

Ferra Wins a Wrestling Match.

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UNION CITY, Ind., Jan. 16.—Sheldon Ferra, champion wrestler, of Graceland, Indiana, defeated Jack Leonard, champion of West Virginia, in the Ross Opera House, two best-in-three falls to-night. Flying and rolling, Ferra won the first fall in twenty-two minutes, and the second in four minutes, and the third in eight minutes. Eight hundred people witnessed the match.

Mob After the Murderer.

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PETERSBURG, Ind., Jan. 16.—Curly Mitchell, the boy who was shot at Pikeville, this county, Saturday evening, died to-day. His murderer, James Spradlin, is still at large, but it is believed will be captured. The crowd armed men are on his trail. Excitement runs very high in the neighborhood of the killing. If Spradlin be captured he will never be brought here alive. Young Mitchell was fourteen instead of seventeen as first reported.

Francis Murphy Closes at Albany.

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ALBANY, Ind., Jan. 16.—Francis Murphy closed his series of temperance meetings Sunday evening. On Saturday his son William arrived and assisted his father. At least five hundred people have signed the pledge. Among the signers were many prominent citizens, and the temperance sentiment in the community is now above par. A Murphy League was organized to-day and the work will be carried on by local endeavor.

Columbus Republican Sold.

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COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 16.—The Columbus Daily and Weekly Republican, established in 1872 by T. B. Brown, was sold here to-night to Sidney E. Hager, and is to be published under the name of the Columbus Daily and Weekly Republican. The new owners will incorporate under the name of the Columbus Daily and Weekly Republican, with capital stock of \$100,000.

Indiana Notes.

Walter Scott, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of LaPorte, has tendered his resignation, to take effect April 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Wooden, of Gregg township, Morgan county, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Sunday.